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On the occasion of the opening of the extended boardwalk at the Jane E. Lytle Arboretum in Croton-on-Hudson.

Whereas, we are here today to open the extended boardwalk that makes our Arboretum more accessible to nature lovers of all ages; and

Whereas, the Croton Arboretum and Sanctuary, Inc. is a volunteer, non-profit organization that has provided environmental stewardship of the Jane E. Lytle Arboretum since the arboretum's founding in 1993; and

Whereas, the new boardwalk extension is 224 feet long and leads visitors through a Arboretum's rare shrub and hardwood swamp; and

Whereas, the Arboretum's 20 acres are a jewel in the crown of the extensive trail system present throughout our Village;

Whereas, the Arboretum is open free of charge 365 days a year from dawn to dusk for hikers, birders, plant lovers, and those who simply enjoy a peaceful pause among tall trees; and

Whereas, our Village is truly blessed to have such a wonderful organization as the Croton Arboretum and Sanctuary, which works so well with governmental, corporate, and other non-profit partners; and

Whereas, such events as this opening—and the mulch spreading by volunteers that immediately follows the opening—capture the essence of the Arboretum's success at bringing us together to both enjoy the outdoors and help maintain a healthy and vibrant Arboretum;

I, Leo A. W. Wiegman, now therefore humbly proclaim, with the power vested in me by the State of New York as your Mayor of our Village of Croton-on-Hudson, that this day, Saturday, the 23rd of October, 2010, shall be "**Jane E. Lytle Arboretum Day**" throughout our Village; and

I now further humbly proclaim, that therefore, all those in attendance here today are hereby declared residents of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson for the day, regardless of their domicile, with all the benefits and responsibilities that adhere thereto;

That, our Village is a state of mind that enthusiastically embraces the commitment to work together voluntarily to maintain this shining example of a hardwood wetland habitat.


Mayor Leo A. W. Wiegman